Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* In view of these difficulties and inconveniences will the Government consider the dersirability of constructing a bridge as an item of Post-war Reconstruction Scheme?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That does not arise out of this question, sir?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it a steam ferry or a motor ferry ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* A motor ferry.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Oh! Then there is no difficulty.

RATION—GOVERNMENT SERVANTS AND TEACHERS

182. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Women-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that in Travancore Government servants and teachers are given larger rations than here;

(*b*) if so, what difficulty is there for the Government to follow a similar procedure here ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) No enhanced ration is being given to Government servants and teachers in Travancore.

(*b*) Does not arise.

RICE—RATION OF

183. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Women-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the people of Cochin get a smaller quantity of rice, a smaller quantity of kerosene, than in British Malabar;

(*b*) are the Government aware that the prices of rice and paddy prevailing here is higher than in British Malabar;

(*c*) is the quality of rice inferior :

(*d*) if the answers are in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to explain the position ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) It is understood that thare is no uniform scale of rationing throughout the District in British Malabar, either for rice or for kerosene. In certain parts of British Malabar, the scale of rice supplied to people is, however, understood to be higher than in our State; our supplies from outside are limited and so we cannot adopt their scale of ration.

(*b*) Government have no accurate information. It is known that there is no uniform price for these commodities in all places in British Malabar. Rice and paddy are being sold there at cheaper rates in some places.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The selling price of rice prevailing in Cochin State is fixed on a pooled basis taking into account all transactions in rice and paddy. Our quotas of rice from Central Government are mostly from far off places, like Sind, the Punjab, Baluchistan, Bahawalpur and Kashmir and the cost price of rice in these parts is very much higher than that in the Province of Madras from where the territories in British Malabar get their supplies.

KEROSENE—RATION OF

184. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Women-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the quantity of kerosene rationed now per family;

(*b*) are the Government aware of the extreme hardships of students since the re-opening due to shortage of kerosene;

(*c*) what steps have been taken to remove the hardships ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) ¾ bottle per mensem to an occupied house without electric light and ¼ bottle per mensem to an occupied house with electric light.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) During the last examination period a special supply of kerosene oil was allowed to the students. The question of enhancing the present ration can be considered only when the stock position improves. Those who can afford can supplement their kerosene ration by purchasing candles which are now proposed to be sold at fair price shops and licensed shops.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഇവ റേഷനരിയല്ല കൊടുക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് മണ്ണെണ്ണ ബാക്കി വരാറുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Sometimes there is surplus.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, whether there was any surplus supply to the Talappilli Taluk ?

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Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes: An additional supply was sent to the Talappilli Taluk.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Was any qantity intended for Talappilli Taluk distributed elsewhere ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : Yes, it has been done. A portion of the quantity of Talappilli Taluk had to be sent from Trichur. The Supply Officer of Talappilli did not apply for oil because he got a supply from a source which was not expected. But the quantity which should have been sent to him was subsequently sent to Talappilli and the ration there will be increased.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: From which date please ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: From this month.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ ഈ കൊല്ലം ഏതു സർപ്ലസ്സ് വന്നുവെന്നു പറയാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : About 2700 tins surplus we have got.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : May I know, Sir, whether the allotment made to Talappilli Taluk from the surplus was actually distributed in the Municipality of Trichur?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : That is what I said. There was an additional supply in the month of July. Out of that, a special supply was issued. That additional stock included not only the stock which should have been given to Talappilli but which should have been distributed in some other place also. An equal quantity has been now sent to Talappilli and the ration will be increased by that quantity.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: What will be the increased ratio ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It will be almost double.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ താലൂക്കിലെ തോതനുസരിച്ച് എല്ലാ താലൂക്കുകളിലും സർപ്ലസ്സ് വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:No.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അവിടെ സർപ്ലസ്സ് വരുന്ന മണ്ണെണ്ണ എന്തു് ചെയ്യാനാണ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നതു"?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: To increase the quantity to be distributed.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ അതനുസരിച്ച് റേഷൻ കുട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : No. Only some special issues were made. The increased supply was made to all those who applied.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Was this surplus distributed to the villagers outside the town?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know, whether we are getting any increased quota from the companies ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : No. We are getting the same quota. When a portion is reserved for essential services, sometimes the entire quantity is not used. So sometimes there will be a surplus. The account is taken at the end of the month and if there is any surplus it is added on to the quota for the next month and distributed.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിൽ സർപ്ലസ്സ് വന്നിട്ടുള്ള മണ്ണെണ്ണയുടെ എത്ര അംശം ഇതുവരെ പല ആവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കായിട്ട് ചിലവുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Only about 1/3rd has been sent roughly.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: എത്ര ദിവസംകൊണ്ടാണ് അതു ചിലവു ചെയ്തതു"?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : The distribution was conducted in the course of a week.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: പാട്ടക്കണക്കിനു കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

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Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* In a few cases it was distributed in tins. That was yellow oil of an inferior kind not good for lighting purposes. These were mostly given to institutions like Presses, Students' Hostels, etc.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി കെ. കട്ടി: എത്രവരെ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies) :* About 50 tins.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri) :* Has the possibility of getting an increased quota from the company been explored?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* We cannot expect an, increased quota ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എൻ. വി. സുബ്രായൻചെട്ടിയാർ: തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിൽ പാട്ടപ്പടിക്ക മണ്ണെണ്ണ കൊടുക്കുമ്പോൾ ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ കൊയ്ത്തുകാലത്തു കൂപ്പിപ്പടിക്കോ മറ്റോ മണ്ണെണ്ണ കൂടുതൽ കിട്ടാനായിട്ട് വല്ല അപേക്ഷകളും കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* We have sent additional supply to the Chittur Taluk also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* May I know Sir, whether the officer concerned in this unauthorised extra distribution in Trichur has been given any promotion ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies) :* No.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഇത്ര ചുരുങ്ങിയ ദിവസംകൊണ്ട് ഇത്ര മണ്ണെണ്ണ ചിലവാക്കിയതു മണ്ണെണ്ണ അധികമുണ്ടെന്ന കേട്ടപ്പോൾ ഉള്ള അത്യാവശ്യമോ, എങ്ങിനെയുള്ള അത്യാവശ്യമാണ്?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies) :* There was some necessity also. We had not sufficient tins to purchase the next months quota. So we wanted to get some tins emptied. Formerly the company used to give us tins for our purpose. They have said that they will not be able to give us tins any more. So the officer feared that if there was any delay in giving tins the July quota may lapse. But everybody who applied was given an additional quantity of kerosene.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* Are we to take it Sir, that with the idea of getting these tins empty the distributions were made in full tins?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies) :* No. Tins were issued according to necessity. It was yellow oil also. There were about 5,000 applications and distributions were made among all of them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* Were not issues made in tins in Trichur?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies) :* All of inferior quality.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ. തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിലെപോലെ മറ്റു താലൂക്കുകളിലും ചിലവുചെയ്യണമെന്ന് വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies) :* Orders have already been issued to distribute the surplus among the various taluks specifying the quantity and most of the officers have taken their surplus quota.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കട്ടി. പാട്ടക്കണക്കിനു കൊടുക്കുമോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies) :* That depends upon the need of the consumer.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കട്ടി. കാലിപ്പാട്ടക്കുവേണ്ടിയാണ് ഈ വില്പന നടന്നതെന്നറിയുന്നു. അതു വിലക്കു വാങ്ങി ഉപയോഗിച്ചാൽ മതിയായിരുന്നില്ലേ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I fear the Hon'ble Member has not understood me correctly. The distribution was conducted immediately and one reason was that we wanted to empty the tins also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthasan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know what is the control price of the candles mentioned here in answer to (c).

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies) :* It will be a little over one anna each.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi) :* Is candle supplied to the Fair Price Shops in the villages ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies) :* We have just received the candles and we are sending them to the Fair Price Shops both in the towns and the villages.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഇങ്ങിനെ സർപ്ലസ്സ് വരുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ റേഷൻ കൂട്ടിക്കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു എന്താണ് വിരോധം?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies) :* That is what is proposed.

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